

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

AYANNA VICTORIA SMITH,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01212-GPC-NLS

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO PROCEED IN
FORMA PAUPERIS**

[Dkt. No. 2]

On May 19, 2016, Plaintiff Ayanna Victoria Smith ("Plaintiff") filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP") under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). (Dkt. No. 2.) All proceedings filed with the District Court require a filing fee unless the Court grants IFP status, waiving the fee. Rodriguez v. Cook, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999). Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), the Court may waive the filing fee if a party demonstrates an inability to pay by submitting an affidavit reporting all assets of the individual. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

Here, Plaintiff submitted a declaration reporting that she is not presently employed and has not worked since 2009. She states that she receives \$459.00 per month in Food Stamps and child support ranging between \$600 to \$1126 per month. Plaintiff reports having \$103.00 in a checking account. She does not own a car or any real estate, stocks, bonds, securities or other valuable property. She supports three children. Her current obligations include \$214 for rent, \$100 to \$150 for utilities and

1 \$40 to \$100 for miscellaneous expenses for her children. She does not have any other
2 debts or any other assets.

3 In consideration of Plaintiff's application, she has sufficiently demonstrated that
4 she is unable to pay the required filing fee and meets the requirements to proceed IFP.
5 Therefore, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's motion to proceed IFP.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 DATED: May 24, 2016

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11 United States District Judge
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